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EVERY EMPLOYEE
 A MEMBER

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 I think everyone in REA ought to belong for his own sake and for the sake of everyone else.
 Sincerely,
 Vincent D. Nicholson

JOIN NOW

With such recommendations, how can anyone resist the temptation of joining the REAAA? Come on and let's join -- let's join the fun! For those who do not know, the REAAA sponsors the following:

- (1) "SPAN" - published weekly.
- (2) Discount on practically everything. For what? See Joan Markland.
- (3) Sports of all kinds where enough interest is displayed.
- (4) Annual Birthday Party. O Boy! (Membership drive will be ended with a boat ride, from latest gossip.)
- (5) Your Dollar from membership this year entitles you also to a chance on a \$25 War Bond to be given away at the end of the Drive.

"EVERY EMPLOYEE A MEMBER" is the slogan adopted by the Membership Committee, let's back them and give it meaning.

HIKING NOTES

Meet at the Clayton Courthouse at 2 p.m., Sunday, August 6, for a 1 1/2 mile hike to Crystal Lake Country Club. Take University-Clayton streetcar (about 40 minutes from Kingshighway). There will be swimming and dancing so bring your suits. Steak dinner will be \$1.65 (tax and tip included), but you must have your reservation in by Friday noon. Sandwiches may be obtained if desired. Pay your \$1.65 to Ruth Thompson, Room 540, Extension 435.

GET YOUR REAAA MEMBERSHIP CARDS from:

- Office of Adm. - Percy Sachs
- A & L Division - Bill Nixon
- Co-op. Operations - Joyce Tribbey
- Paul Euler
- Ann Vernier
- D & C Division - Claire Sullivan
- Edith White
- Finance - Mary Zugel
- Leroy Meyer
- Information - Monty Montague
- Liaison Office - John Asher
- Management - John Meyerson
- Jennie Stanek
- Personnel - Virginia Georgens
- Tech. Standards - Norma Rothplatz
- Off. of Solicitor - Tom O'Reilly
- Art Mittell

LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

Mr. Charles E. Brown, President of the REA Athletic Association received the following endorsements of the coming REAAA membership drive:

I am glad to write this letter of endorsement for the membership drive and hope that every employee in REA will become a member.

For the past year, the REA Athletic Association has made a notable contribution toward the promotion of athletic and social activities in REA. I know that everyone has benefitted from these activities and trust they will be continued during the coming year, and that special emphasis will be made toward extending welcome and aid to the men and women who will return from the armed services, especially from overseas.

May I wish you much success in your membership drive and your activities for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,
 Harry Slattery.

It is my understanding that the new officers and directors of the REA Athletic Association have already met to develop plans for an aggressive program for the Association during the coming twelve months. I am sure that this indication of active leadership meets with the approval of all members of the Athletic Association and should result in one hundred percent membership support by all employees of REA.

This Association is rendering invaluable service in promoting and sponsoring athletic, social and educational activities which will contribute in no small measure toward maintaining good morale throughout the organization.

It now appears probable that a considerable number of the 326 service men and women may return within the year, and I know that the Athletic Association will do much toward extending to them a hearty welcome.

Sincerely yours,
 William J. Neal.

I hereby apply for membership in the REA Athletic Association for the coming year. I have been a member a long, long time and have learned to appreciate the magic value of the letters "REAAA". It helps to build up physical fitness and an aggressive spirit for our contests with the enemies of the REA program. It takes a dub bowler like me and builds up his score to 225 (not exactly on the average -- not yet). It brings together the REA bachelors and maidens in happy partnerships. One of the finest things about REA has always been the grand comradeship among REA'ers and your Association has helped to create and preserve this spirit..

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'Tis the opinion of all those who heard of or went to the USO during the week end that REA has again garnered unto itself more laurels and that those guys and gals who went all out to entertain the GI Joes and their G. F.'s are way up in the top flight. It's a story which deserves more space than can be given to it in SPAN but if any of you are interested in a complete fill-in it might be well to call up some of those who helped to make the party the huge success that it was. Probably first credit goes to the Director of the USO who went down amongst his pals on Commission Row and requested (?) about five hundred water melons and the ice to make them into those cool, icy, frapped hunks of deliciousness which no GI could resist. With a wave of the wand the auditorium became the gaudy carefree midway of the County Fair with the booths doing a land office with phoney money, and the REA booth was one that drew them from far and near for who could resist that - "Step right up, gents, and take your chance to hit the so-and-so Schickelgruber in the head and get a good (?) five cent cig'r - comeon, comeon, comeon - it may be your last chance and you can't miss it - step up, gents, step up" and step up they did, and before the party had progressed too far into the night our little effigy had become one of the most weebegone figures ever viewed by mortal man but ain't half what he's goin' to look like when those GIs get their chance to use something other than the USO baseballs. The phoney money was a great idea and all spent lavishly though one hundred clams for three balls, even to hit that (censored) charged by those Shylocks of the REA seems a bit stiff considering all the "edication" on economy we've supposedly assimilated. Of course, that indefatigable worker, one T. Wilson, was a regular little beaver last week working up the plans for the party and booth but she says 'twould have been no go if she hadn't had the full cooperation of Lenzy Gunn, Emanuel "Smitty" in her building activities, along with the work of Edith Denham and E. Wootgen, Mannie Noble, Randy Leon, R. Stokeley, J. Wilhelm, B. Ufkes, to say nothing of the James Smiths of the Fin Smiths, Mr. and Mrs. L. McWilliams of the COD McWilliams and that ever present Vet of all WARS - Perce Sachs along with Mrs. S. and his brood of little Sachs. They all did a bang-up job - so much so that it is to be repeated on Aug. 19th with peaches and the GIs will have to ring a Georgia bell(e) to qualify on this. Oh, my goodness, we almost forgot that man on the 10th floor - F. Miller, he's a bit new in REA - who has become such an ardent USOer that it's too bad he made the last War rather than this one for what he could have done is something to dream about - but, alas, the stork was too darn previous and his boss, G. Dillon, couldn't go USOing on account of he was floating down Ol' Man River and of all things there was a WAC in the offing. Speaking of Mr. Stork, he made a visit to the John Donohues, of the Legal Donohues, with a bundle of feminine loveliness during the week. Capt. Smith, also of Legal, has left J.B. and wended his way toward D.C. and all report he looked right chipper despite his long sojourn in the hospital. Last report on the birdies is "they've begun to sprout feathers but they're not just what one would call beautiful, nor do they attempt to fly." Well, if Uncle Nic should make us a call in the not too distant future 'tis an even bet they'll start flitting, molting or something after one of those baritone bellows emanates from a certain office on the 11th floor. Cpl. Bill Wise also called on his way home on

furlo from a camp in La. and when asked how he looked the information came forth that he was "really streamlined for Bill." We give up on that description for so is "Cherub" Eardley - or isn't he? And by the way, if any of you damosels have troubles - love or otherwise - 'tis rumored that "Cherub" can fix you up immediately. Can't make out whether he's trying to emulate D. Dix, B. Fairfax or just Mr. Anthony but best of all, gals, he's got the grandest eyelashes and maybe he'll tell you how to get some without pasting the (censored) things on which is much too much of a nuisance. 'ROUND THE TOWN: U. City aghast at the O'Shaughnessy family doing hand-springs for joy on account of at long last a letter from Buddy who is down Marianas way teaching those Nips it is bad medicine to push us 'round; R. Maddox doing a stint in the Liaison Office in D.C. - the lucky femme; the absent minded professor - F. P. Wood - rushing out on a field trip with Glen Keefer's reefer; Sgt. Norma Lewis on furlo giving us a look-see at a very trim and natty WAC and 'tis rumored she was dined and wined 'til the wee hours of Sunday A.M.; the gals in Personnel all down in the dumps on account they've lost their "Hart" who has decided to give REA the go-by for the Principalship of a school down home-town way but he left with a fine cigarette lighter from the gals and what R. Douglas is going to do for some males upon which to try his latest "anecdote" we can't imagine - oh where, oh where, is there a Division which no longer looks like a Harem; the last of the Engineers who worked in Alaska now back in the fold with B. Welty, Earl Clarke, Joe Brans reporting for duty once more with D&C; V. Manovill, Personneler, maintaining the morale of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps with a steady stream of letters; Pop Vardy no longer a Summer Bachelor and out of the seclusion he hid himself to some three weeks ago 'cause he feared of what might happen in this No Man's Land; the fine turnout at the baseball game, the receipts from which went to the National War Relief and Service Fund, Inc.; that swing on the 4th floor which might go far toward starting a heat wave; Betty Spiva home again after a.l'ing in New York - just as robust as ever though many have expected to see her waste away, suffering from sympathetic vibrations; three new femmes amongst us - Mildred Buls, Virginia Reck and Edna Boismeneau.

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